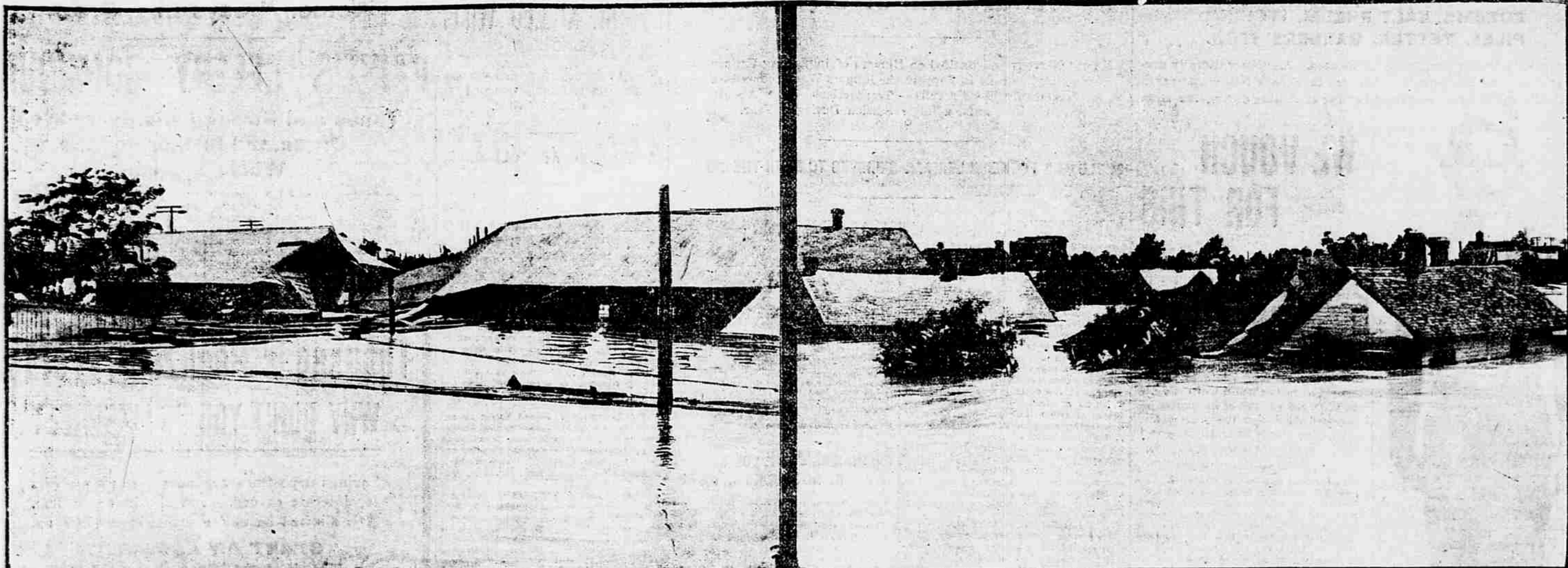


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TRAIN COMMUNICATION TO BE ESTABLISHED WITH MADISON.

The crest of the flood has passed Alton. The Mississippi was at a standstill yesterday, with a net decline of a fraction less than one inch. Every one believes that the worst is over, and expects a rapid fall to-day.

Hundreds of visitors and travelers were in Alton yesterday, it being the only gateway for St. Louis traffic to the East and the North. The traffic knot was untangled to some extent by the railway officials, who have arranged regular schedules, beginning to-day, for the Spread Eagle and the Bald Eagle, which have been pressed into service between Alton and St. Louis. The Spread Eagle will leave Alton at 7 o'clock a. m. and at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and will leave St. Louis at 10 in the morning and 5:30 in the afternoon. The Bald Eagle will leave Alton at 9 o'clock in the morning and St. Louis at 9 o'clock in the evening.

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The Alton Railroad announced this evening that it expects to establish a twice-a-day service, beginning to-day, with Granite City.

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The members of the Alton Naval Militia, who did not depart on Tuesday, went down yesterday afternoon, in command of Lieutenant E. V. Crossman. They will assist patrol and rescue work at East St. Louis.

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COMMITTEE'S APPEAL

ADD MEASURE FOR RELIEF. The Flood Relief Committee makes the following announcements:

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• Power-house, No. 3710 North Broadway.

• Union Mission, No. 1522 Franklin avenue.

• Any police station.

• All applications for relief will please make their application to the above places.

• To the Public: There is urgent need for immediate relief in the way of clothing, bedding and furniture by the sufferers from the flood. We appeal to the public to send all spare clothing, bedding and furniture immediately to the church building, Eleventh and Locust streets, which will be in charge of a committee of ladies, who will see to the proper distribution to the needy.

• The need is urgent and we trust no time will be lost in sending all surplus articles that can be spared, to the above address.

H. F. LANGENBERG, Chairman; O. L. WHITEHEAD, Secretary; J. WADE, ELIAS MICHAEL, CHARLES P. SENTER, E. A. FAUST.

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State of Illinois, June 11, 1903.

Platonic Literary College.

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